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Subject: Drug Lab closure

Dear Jim: Thanks for the info on UMass-Worcester lab and your current staffing levels and capacity. I believe the person who would have info on Jamaica Plain lab was coming back today. I'd like to confirm the number of chemists and other staff who work there and what it costs to operate this lab. In doing a cost-benefit analysis on this and other labs I'd like to have the numbers to present to the Governor and legislators. Our goal will be for the Governor to submit the \$300,000 in the supplemental budget and the legislature to approve of this sum.

Roughly, your lab handles 6,000 drug tests a cost of \$300,000 for approximately \$50 per test. The Worcester lab is pegged at \$400,000 annually so I'd like to know how many tests this lab does. The State police lab at Sudbury that performs the Middlesex County drug testing will be tougher to get costs but I'd like to know how many tests they perform.

Thanks for your continued assistance. Dave